

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Starting on page 23, line 27 and ending on page 24, line 13, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The priorities are better illustrated with respect to FIG. 8. FIG. 8 shows a multiprocess, multivoice implementation of the present invention. In FIG. 8, two applications 202A and 202B have created two separate instances of the SpVoice Object 216A and 216B. Those objects have created ~~separate grammar container objects 220A and 220B~~ as well as separate Site objects 218A and 218B, TTS engine objects 208A and 208B and audio objects 224A and 224B. It should be noted that separate (i.e., A and B) lexicon container objects can be created as well. In FIG. 8, however, a unified lexicon container object 220 is illustrated. Both alternatives are within the scope of the present invention. The outputs from the audio output objects 224A and 224B are provided to a multimedia application programming interface (API) 300, such as that supported by the WINDOWS98 operating system, Second Edition or by the WINDOWS2000 operating system. The output of the multimedia API 300 is provided to an audio device, such as speaker 302.